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SUBJECT: VISIT OF THOMAS CALLAGHAN ON CO-PRODUCTION IS USEFUL

1. CALLAGHAN COMPLETED SEVERAL DAYS OF USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS ON CO-PRODUCTION PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES. ON MARCH 13 HE MET IN SUCCESSFUL GATHERING WITH TEN REPRESENTATIVES OF NORWEGIAN DEFENSE, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND EXPORT COUNCIL, SUMMARIZING HIS REPORT AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. ONLY A FEW PARTICIPANTS HAD HAD CHANCE TO STUDY REPORT BEFOREHAND; COPIES WERE LATER MADE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. MAAG CHIEF COL R. HERMAN ASSISTED AND ACCOMPANIED CALLAGHAN DURING VISIT.

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- 2. QUESTIONS REFLECTED AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE OF ARMS STANDARDIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. SEVERAL CONFEREES VOICED CONCERN ABOUT PROCEEDING EXCEPT ON PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS; ANOTHER EXPRESSED THOUGHT THAT CALLAGHAN'S THESIS MIGHT FOUNDER ON THE BUY AMERICAN ACT. THESE RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT SHARED BY MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS.
- 3. ON MARCH 14 CALLAGHAN MET WITH ALF P. ANDRESEN OF DEFENSE MINISTRY FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REPORT. ANDRESEN WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND GAVE ASSURANCE SUBJECT OF REPORT WOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW IN ANTICIPATION OF US IMPLEMENTING INITIATIVES.
- 4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS VISIT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND EXPECTS NORWEGIANS MAY ASK FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT OF CALLAGHAN'S REPORT WITHIN NATO EUROGROUP. BYRNE

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